



(Don Sidia Photo)

CAN-CAN GIRLS... Taking a break during rehearsal for the musical "Paint Your Wagon" are Beverly Dyer, Phyllis Foss, Ronnie Ruch and Phyllis Kelsey who do a can-can number in the show. "Paint Your Wagon" will be presented by the South Bay Civic Light Opera Assn. at Redondo Union High School Auditorium May 31, June 1, 7 and 8.

208th Street Improvement Contracts Go to Griffith

Construction of a sanitary sewer, sidewalks, curbs, gutters and paving on 208th St. between Denker Ave. and Harvard Ave. is provided in a contract awarded Monday, it was announced by Council President John S. Gibson.

Griffith Construction Co. was the lowest of half a dozen bidders, getting the award from the Board of Public Works on a low offer of \$20,849, which was slightly more than 20 per cent lower than city estimates.

Councilman Gibson said work could start in about three weeks.

Improvement of 208th St. from Harvard Ave. to Western, including paving on the

north side and sidewalks on both sides, also is scheduled for the summer, Councilman Gibson announced. Bids for this project are to be received in late April with work scheduled to begin about May 15.

Progress on several other Shoestring Strip jobs has been noted, the councilman said, adding that a complete report of the first four months of the year would be made at the next meeting of his advisory committee on May 7. The regular April meeting was cancelled because of the election.

PASSAGE TIME
It requires about seven hours for a ship to pass through the Panama Canal.

'Know Your Characters,' Writers Told

"Know Your Characters" was the theme of a talk given by Joe Brennan at the March meeting of the Southwest Manuscripters. Brennan, whose book "Tuna Clipper Challenge" came out last Monday, laid great stress on the importance of characterization.

Brennan, who has sold several hundred short stories, claims that nothing sells like characterization. He broke down his theme into three categories — physiology, psychology, and sociology. He then elaborated on these factors with examples from his work.

Brennan also stressed the importance of a "sense of awareness" and enthusiasm for

Wood School Play Schedule Set Saturday

Howard Wood School will be open for a Saturday recreation program beginning Saturday with Area Director Harry Johnson on duty from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., according to the Torrance Recreation Department.

There will be a supervised play program essentially, with a variety of special games and contests added.

Other school areas which have a Saturday program directed by the Recreation Department include Carr, Crenshaw, Greenwood, Hillside, Newton, Riviera, Steele, and Walteria schools. The hours of operation at all of these areas are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Park areas which are open include:

El Retiro—Weekdays from 3 to 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 to 5 p.m.

McMaster—Weekdays from 1 to 10 p.m.

Sea-Aire—Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Torrance Park—Weekdays from 3 to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 to 5 p.m.

your work.

At the meeting Manuscripters were advised to bring their stories to the April meeting if they wished to enter the short story contest.

Two of the members who entered the California Woman's Press Club contest won top honors. Ramoncita O'Connor won first prize in both the adult fiction and poetry group.

Polly Booth won first prize for articles and second prize in adult fiction.

Dorothy White reported two article sales to the Secretarial Stylesheet.

The Southwest Manuscripters, an organization of professional as well as beginning writers, meets on the third Friday evening of every month at Clark Stadium, Hermosa Beach.

More specific information on any of the Recreation Department programs can be obtained by calling FA 8-4108.

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